

28 September 2021

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REF: OIA-8738

Dear Bevan

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 31 August 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

With regards to Ōtaki to north of Levin highway, please advise/provide:

- 1) whether this project has received any funding from the NLTF? If so, please provide details of the approval decisions (amount, date, by whom, nature of expenditure).*
- 2) a copy of any assessments on giving effect to the GPS on Land Transport*
- 3) a copy of the CIPA (Climate Implications of Policy Assessment) as required since December 2019 by Cabinet Office Circular.*

I can confirm that the Ōtaki to North of Levin highway project was funded through the National Land Transport Fund Prior to January 2020, when it was announced that would be funded through the NZ Upgrade Programme. Funding for investigation of this was included in the (SH1) Wellington Northern Corridor – RoNS endorsement and funding for investigation, design and property purchase decision made by the Waka Kotahi Board in 2009. Further information is publicly available at: www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/funding-and-investing/investment-decisions/board-decisions/sh1-wellington-northern-corridor-rons-endorsement-and-funding-for-investigation-design-and-property-purchase/

The assessments for this corridor, which include multiple assessments against the Government Policy Statement on Land transport are available online at: www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellington-northern-corridor/otaki-to-north-of-levin/o2nl-proposed-new-highway/technical-reports/. As the information is publicly available, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act.

I understand that the CIPA report is in scope of one of your separate requests that has been transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. You will be advised on the decision regarding the release of this assessment in our response to that request.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply, please contact official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Driscoll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Josh Driscoll

Principal Advisor Ministerial Services